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All,

As you are aware, the second year of construction at the Port of Tacoma's Upper Clear Creek Mitigation Site (UCCMS) has been under way since April. The new channels have been connected to the existing Clear Creek and the majority of the grading and large wood structure installations have been completed. All in-water work will be completed by the end of Clear Creek's in-water work window (August 31). The remaining work will include finish grading in the upland/buffer area, installation of year 2 plants, and maintenance activities (weeding and replacement of year 1 plants that did not survive).

Since mid- to late-July we have noticed higher than normal water levels in Clear Creek, which have resulted in higher than anticipated water levels on UCCMS for this time of year. The site has been constructed to the design elevations and no design changes related to this condition have occurred at this point. The Port's design team has looked into potential reasons for the high water (i.e., downstream blockages in the culverts or the creek, excessive inputs upstream, higher than normal vegetation growth in the creek, etc.), but we have not found a definitive reason for the higher water elevations.

The Port's design team is currently evaluating the high water level condition and the current planting plan and may propose potential design or planting plan revisions or options to the permitting agencies, the IRT, and EPA within the next couple of weeks.

Attached is an aerial photograph of the site taken yesterday (August 26, 2015).

Regards,
Mark

